

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2592 - SB 2740**

February 23, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS), the Human Trafficking Advisory Council, the Joint Task Force on Children's Justice and Child Sexual Abuse, and the Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to work together with other appropriate groups to develop a mechanism to identify and provide services to children involved with the juvenile justice system who have been sexually abused or trafficked for commercial sex acts. Requires DCS to update their comprehensive state plan to include such coordinated services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- DCS currently utilizes a digital assessment tool that exists as a component of its comprehensive Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths system that is used to process and identify children who have likely been the victim of sexual abuse or trafficking; therefore, DCS will have no need to develop a new mechanism. The Department also already has in place the services required to adequately care for such victims.
- DCS can coordinate and work with the other specified entities to meet the requirements of this legislation utilizing existing resources and personnel.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts.
- According to DCS, updating the comprehensive state plan can be accomplished within existing resources with no significant costs.
- Any fiscal impact to state and local government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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